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Applicant : Pierre CHAMBAT et al.

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Examiner: Bruce Snow

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For : KNEE PROSTHESIS WITH A ROTATIONAL PLATE

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 18, 2002, in which a one-month statutory period for response was set to expire on May 18, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Species I, i.e., Figures 1-3. Applicant submits that claims 29, 44, 45, 48, 53, 54, 56 and 57-70 are readable thereon. The above-noted election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a one-month shortened statutory period which expires May 18, 2002, Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for two months, i.e., from May 18, 2002 to July 18, 2002, and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file, or the fee submitted herewith is deemed insufficient for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required